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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-11, 14, 20, 23 and 26 as follows.

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1. (Amended) A method ~~[for]~~ of monitoring alerts regarding the status of components in a computer, comprising the acts of:  
receiving a plurality of alerts, said alerts providing status information about different components in the [a] computer; and  
allowing a user to selectively disable [disabling] a [the] display of one or more of said alerts to the user; and  
recording status information associated with said **[disabled]** alerts in a storage medium.
  2. (Amended) The method of Claim 1 further comprising an act of storing whether each of said alerts is disabled or enabled to be displayed to the user in a plurality of variables.
  3. (Amended) The method of Claim 2, further comprising an act of storing information about **[said enabled and]** said disabled alerts in said storage medium at a user computer.
  4. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising an act of storing, at a user computer, [recording] a recommended course of action associated with said alerts.
  5. (Amended) The method of Claim 1 further comprising an act of generating a user interface which allows a user to select one or more of said [directs the selection of] alerts to be displayed to the user by providing a description of [is] said alerts.
  6. (Amended) The method of Claim 5 wherein said user interface enables said selected alerts to be displayed to the user in response to an enable command by the user.
  7. (Amended) The method of Claim 5 wherein said user interface disables said selected alerts from being displayed to the user in response to a disable command by the user.
  8. (Amended) The method of Claim 6 further comprising an act of displaying said enabled alerts in an alert notification window to the user.
  9. (Amended) The method of Claim 8 wherein said act of displaying displays the name of a [said] component associated with one of said alerts.
  10. (Amended) The method of Claim 8, wherein said act of displaying includes displaying a [the] recommended course of action associated with one of said alerts.

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11. (Amended) A method [for] of monitoring the operational status of components in a computer comprising the acts of:

generating a notification about the status of at least one component in the [a] computer, said notification comprising a first code which contains data about said component, said first code having a first data length;

receiving said notification at a remote computer; and

transforming said notification into a user-friendly display message comprising a second data length, wherein said second data length is significantly greater than said first data length.

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14 14. (Amended) The method of Claim <sup>13</sup> 11 [13] wherein said first code contains an index and wherein said act of transforming uses said index to identify said user-friendly display message.

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20. (Amended) A method for monitoring the operational status of components in a computer comprising the acts of:

providing a management information base which is configured to associate a plurality of indexes with different operational parameters related to said components;

generating at least one alert, said alert providing information about a change in an operational parameter in at least one component, said alert comprising one index of said indexes [index] which identifies at least one of said operational parameters;

receiving said alert from the [said first] computer; and

transforming said index in said alert into a user-friendly display message.

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23. (Amended) A method [for] of displaying a system management user interface comprising the acts of:

providing at least one computer having a plurality of components;

generating a plurality of alerts, said alerts associated with the monitoring of status information about said plurality of components;

displaying said alerts on a manager computer;

allowing a user to select [selecting] at least two of said alerts; and

disabling the display of said selected alerts to the user in response to a single command from the user.

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30<sup>26</sup>. (Amended) The method of Claim <sup>23</sup>23, wherein said act of allowing a user to select at least two of said alerts [selecting] allows the selection of at least two alerts corresponding to at least two network servers.

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Please add Claims 32-38 as follows.

11<sup>32</sup>. The method of Claim 4, further comprising the act of displaying a recommended course of action associated with said alerts to the user.

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12<sup>33</sup>. The method of Claim 7, wherein said user interface allows the user to enable alerts to be displayed to the user which have been previously disabled from being displayed to the user in response to a disable command by the user.

22<sup>34</sup>. The method of Claim <sup>13</sup>11, further comprising the act of allowing a user to enable or disable the display of said user-friendly display message.

26<sup>35</sup>. The method of Claim <sup>23</sup>20, further comprising the act of allowing a user to enable or disable the display of said user-friendly display message.

36. The method of Claim <sup>21</sup>23, further comprising the act of allowing a user to enable the display of an alert which has been previously disabled for display by the user.

37. The method of Claim <sup>22</sup>34, further comprising the act of allowing a user to enable the display of a user-friendly display message which has been previously disabled for display by the user.

38. The method of Claim 36, further comprising the act of allowing a user to enable the display of a user-friendly display message which has been previously disabled for display by the user.

#### REMARKS

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Bonnell et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,655,081). The Examiner rejected Claims 28-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Bonnell in view of Giorgio (U.S. Patent No. 5,761,085).

#### Discussion of Rejection of Claim 1 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

As to Claim 1 of the claimed invention, the Examiner takes the position that Bonnell teaches selectively disabling the display of one or more alerts which provide status information about different components in a computer. The Examiner admits that Bonnell does not explicitly